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~~μm and at the same time the platinum coated film is formed by an ion plating method or a sputtering method. --~~

REMARKS

When filing the parent application, i.e., Serial No. 09/117,350, on July 28, 1998, proposed corrected drawings were filed in order to make the drawings consistent with the U. S. Rules, e.g., to identify the drawings as "Fig. 1", "Fig. 2", etc., and to use Roman numerals to identify cross-sections, as well as to ensure that the drawings were consistent with the translated specification. Although a Form PTO-948 - Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review was issued in the parent application on August 23, 1999, the proposed drawing corrections were not addressed by the Examiner during prosecution of the parent application. Accordingly, the proposed drawing corrections are again submitted with the present divisional application. Additionally, a complete set of formal drawings, i.e., containing Figs. 1-53, making the proposed drawing corrections and addressing the objections of the Draftsperson, as stated in the Form PTO-948 issued in the parent application, are filed concurrently herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner and Draftsperson approve the new set of formal drawings.

The specification has been amended to correct idiomatic, grammatical or typographical errors in the original PCT application. No new matter has been added.

Claims 5-8 and 11-14, i.e., the claims being prosecuted in the parent application, are cancelled.

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, thus reducing the filing fee. Additionally, new claims 34-46 have been added. Claims 34 and 35 go to the subject matter of claim 4, but depend respectively on claims 2 and 3. Claims 36-38 go to the subject matter of claims 17-19, respectively, but depend on claim 16. Claim 39 goes to the subject matter of claim 23 but depends on claim 37. Claims 40-41 go to the subject matter of claim 32 but depend respectively on claims 30 and 31. Claims 42-46 go to the subject matter of claim 33 but depend respectively on claims 30-32, 40 and 41.

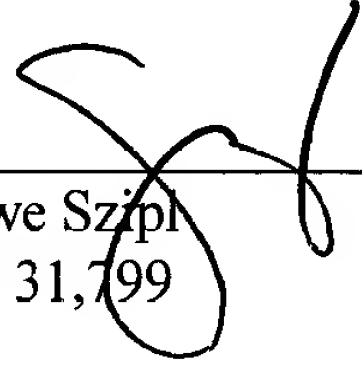
Accordingly, claims 1-4, 9-10, and 15-46 are presented in this divisional application for examination.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in good condition for examination, and the Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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